

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1125 - SB 1375

March 17, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (015980): Authorizes additional candidates to qualify for a nonpartisan judicial general election after the qualifying deadline and up to the 55th day before such election if a judicial candidate in such election withdraws after being appointed or nominated for another judicial office leaving no other candidates on the ballot.

Authorizes a state political party to nominate a new candidate for a judicial office if a judicial candidate is appointed to another judicial office or nominated for another judicial office.

Shortens, from the 40th day before an election to the 55th day before an election, the date by which a political party must file the name of a new candidate in such election if the original candidate dies, withdraws, or is declared ineligible.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Under Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-13-204(a), a political party may nominate another candidate for an election if a candidate for office dies, withdraws for certain reasons, is forced to change residence, or is declared ineligible or disqualified by a court.
- The proposed legislation would also allow a political party to nominate an additional candidate in a judicial election in the event a candidate is appointed or nominated to another position.
- Allowing additional judicial candidates to qualify or be nominated for certain elections and changing the date by which all additional candidates may qualify for elections will not have a significant impact on the operations of county election commissions or the Division of Elections.
- Any fiscal impact to state or local government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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